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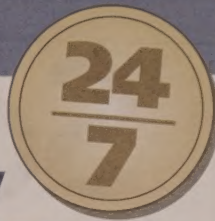
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On behalf of the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association, we would like to welcome you to the 55th Annual Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. Starting back up after a couple of stressful years is exciting and we are anxious to celebrate together once again. The Midsummer Festival is a traditional Nordic celebration that takes place during the summer solstice, coinciding with the longest days of the year. After months of darkness, and years of event closures, the light is a truly welcomed sight. So join us for a celebration at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds from 2 p.m. on Friday, June 17, through 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 19.

The festival honors Nordic traditions and offers an opportunity to learn about Scandinavian heritage, including the histories of many Astorians' families. While the festival certainly attracts those folks, it also has a lot to offer to people of all cultures and backgrounds. Let us share ours with you for a weekend.

On Friday morning at 10 a.m., celebrate the dedication of a new Nordic Heritage Park, located along Astoria's downtown waterfront. Then follow us out to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds for the rest of the weekend's festivities! Enjoy over 40 craft and food booths, opening at 2 p.m.

On Friday evening, celebrate the crowning of Miss Scandinavia 2022, followed by a traditional bonfire and hex burning. Toss your cares into the bonfire and celebrate with us through dance, music, food and fellowship.

Saturday will be filled with music and dancing, with entertainment, contests, a children's carnival, the Optog Walking Parade, Viking Encampment, Midsummer Pole Raising and folkwear parade. And Saturday would not be complete without Arrival, performing an ABBA tribute at 7:30 p.m. in the fairgrounds arena.

On Sunday, join in one of the festival's many raffles, learn about culture and history through a nondenominational church service and attend a traditional flag ceremony. The weekend offers many opportunities to learn about days past and present. So come on out and visit with family, friends and neighbors at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival! We can't wait to see you.

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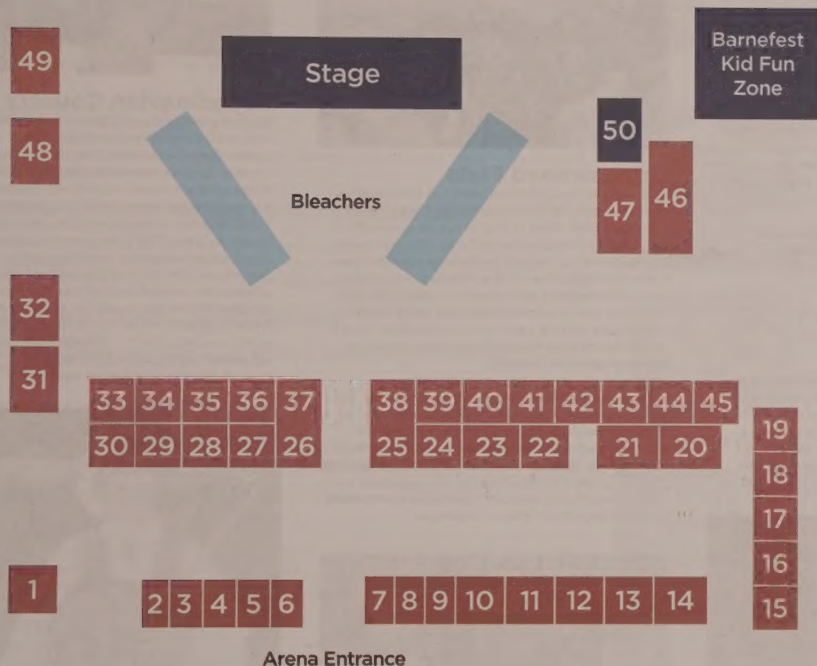
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Festival Entertainment



Arrival

Canada's Tribute to ABBA

This six piece tribute to Swedish pop mainstay ABBA will perform in full costumes, appearing for the third time at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. Bring your dancing shoes as there will be dancing in the aisles. This concert requires a special ticket, with seats available on both the arena floor and bleachers. Tickets range from \$20-\$40 and include free admission to the festival after 5 p.m. Food and beverages will also be available before the show, including a Scandinavian Buffet catered by Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash. from 4 to 7 p.m.

Dance with Arrival at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds Arena.

Astor Street Opry

"Shanghaied in Astoria"

Now in its 37th season, "Shanghaied in Astoria" is part-vaudeville, part-soap opera, and part 1950s style Hollywood musical, all combined into a fun and entertaining look at traditional, local cultural folklore, including immigrant cannery workers from Scandinavia. What originated as a celebration of Astoria tradition has become a tradition itself. **Catch "Shanghaied" cast members performing their olio acts at 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Saturday on the exhibit hall stage and in the beer garden.**



Varelse

with Amy Hakanson

After studying Scandinavian folk music in Sweden, Amy Hakanson returned to Portland, searching for fellow musicians interested in exploring modern and traditional takes on the genre. Varelse, the resulting group, combines the instruments of nyckelharpa, fiddle and guitar together to create a sound that is simultaneously old and new, weaving together Scandinavian folk tradition, North American fiddle tunes, Western European melodies and African-Middle Eastern rhythmic traditions. Hakanson plays the nyckelharpa, a Scandinavian keyed instrument, while Steven Skolnik, an accomplished percussionist, accompanies with infectious energy. Hakanson and Skolnik are joined by bandmates Collin Stackhouse on fiddle and Joe Pomianek on guitar to create a unique blend of instrumental folk. **Varelse will appear on the arena stage at 11 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday.**



Brownsmead Flats

With acoustic music that combines folk and bluegrass with a maritime flair, the Brownsmead Flats focus on vocal harmonies. Many of their songs are composed by group members and reflect on living in the Northwest. Dan Sutherland is featured on the hammered dulcimer, fiddle and mandolin, while Ray Raihala picks the banjo, guitar and mandolin. Ned Heavenrich plays harmonica and guitar and John Fenton keeps the band together rhythmically with the bass. Larry Moore rounds out the group with his expertise on mandolin and occasional flashes of specialty footwork.

Audiences are encouraged to participate with the band by singing along, doing hand motions, and participating in dances taught by the band. The versatility of the group allows them to generate music for audiences of all ages. Their tight harmonies and enjoyment of making music together translate into an event guaranteed to fill audiences with song and mirth. **Catch the Brownsmead Flats at 5:30 p.m. on Friday in the arena.**



Polka Dots

The Polka Dots formed in the Fall of 2018 at the suggestion of veteran accordionist Coreen Bergholm to provide live traditional music for the Fort George Benefit Night for Scandinavian Heritage Park. This North Coast combination, whose members are all of Scandinavian heritage, has special enthusiasm for Northern European dance music. Members include Nancy Word and Ruby McCord on accordion and Noel Rydbom on string bass. **Polka Dots will perform at 3:15 p.m. on Friday at the arena stage, at 9 a.m. on Saturday in the exhibit hall, at noon on Saturday at the Midsummer Pole and at 11 a.m. on Sunday, again at the arena stage.**



Scandinavian Country

Returning for the Queen's Ball on Friday evening after the Coronation will be local favorite Coreen Bergholm and her band, Scandinavian Country. Bergholm learned to play accordion in an immigrant community in North Dakota and now spends winters performing around Yuma, Arizona, where she met Ken, the tuba and trombone player. This is the band that plays the local favorite dances like the Varsouvienne, the Butterfly and the Irish Waltz as well as polkas, schottisches, waltzes, and hambos. They even play the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey. Other musicians include Donna Mansfield and guitar specialist John Orr. **Scandinavian Country will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday at the Queen's Ball Dance in Exhibit Hall.**



Joan Paddock

Lur of Norway

Joan Paddock is professor of music at Linfield College. She has studied in Norway and entertained at the Norsk Høstfest in Minot, North Dakota, and at the Scafest in Thousand Oaks, California. Joan will sound lur fanfares at the dedication of Astoria Nordic Heritage Park, the Festival Flag Ceremony and the Midsummer Pole Raising. **Hear Paddock at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at 16th St. and Marine Drive, 7 p.m. Friday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds and at noon on Saturday at the Midsummer Pole.**



Viking Encampment by the Empire of Chivalry and Steel

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel specializes in the recreation of the culture of the European Middle Ages, including art forms, feasts, tournaments, ceremonies, wars and combat arts from that region and era. The purpose of this nonprofit educational corporation is to study and educate on European ideals and history between 800 and 1650. **Empire of Chivalry and Steel** participants will open their Viking Encampment to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, as well as provide demonstrations of Viking sword fighting and armor making at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. on Saturday and noon and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Nordic Viking Dancers

Astoria's own dance group includes dancers from second grade to adults. The Nordic Viking Dancers are the youngest group and several members are performing at their first midsummer festival. Experienced teens make up the Viking Dancers, who are frequently joined by adults from the Scandia Dancers. The Nordic Viking Dancers are led by Kevin Ladd. See them at 4:30 p.m. on Friday at the arena stage, 7 p.m. Friday for the Queen's Coronation, Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the arena stage and 4 p.m. for the reunion dance in Exhibit Hall. On Sunday, the group will wrap up with performances at 10 a.m. and noon on the arena stage.



Tulehoidjad Estonian Folk Dancers

Returning to the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival after a long absence is Tulehoidjad, an Estonian folk dance group based in Portland. Tulehoidjad means "Torch Bearers," and the group was formed in 1950. They have taught Estonian folk dances to generations of immigrants and friends, keeping Estonian traditions alive. See them at noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday in the arena.



VASA Swedish Dancers

The litttest dancers at the festival come from Portland. Led by Christine Smith, the VASA Swedish Dancers will dance around the Midsummer Pole on Saturday at noon, performing again at 2 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall.



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Annelisa Vestboe JUNIOR MISS DENMARK

Annelisa lives in Hillsboro and is sponsored by the Lower Columbia Danish Society. She loves doing the chicken dance, eating red cabbage and lefse, and walking with Danes in the Optog. Her father was born in Denmark to a Swedish mother and a Norwegian father. Her mother was Junior Miss Denmark, Senior Miss Denmark and Miss Scandinavia. Annelisa has visited her grandparents in Denmark.



2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Junior Court



Ella Mattingly JUNIOR MISS SWEDEN

Ella attends Astor Elementary and is sponsored by the Vasa (Swedish) Order of America Astor Lodge No. 215. Her mother was Senior Miss Sweden and Miss Scandinavia in 2005, and her aunt also later held the same titles. Ella's Swedish and Norwegian ancestry comes to her from her mother's side of the family.



2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Junior Court



Ellen Rohne JUNIOR MISS NORWAY

Ellen lives in Brownsmead and attends Hilda Lahti Elementary. She is sponsored by the Sons of Norway Nidaros Lodge No. 16. Her mother was involved in previous festivals as Junior Miss Norway, Senior Miss Norway, Miss Scandinavia, court chaperone and festival volunteer.



2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Junior Court



Ila Canessa JUNIOR MISS FINLAND

Ila is a student at Lewis and Clark Elementary and will attend the Midsummer Festival for the first time in 2022. She is sponsored by the United Finnish Kaleva Brotherhood & Sisterhood Astoria Lodge No. 2 and hopes to learn more about her Finnish and Norwegian ancestry by being on the court.

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2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Junior Court



Jennifer Canessa JUNIOR COURT CHAPERONE

Jennifer, a graduate of Naselle High School, is self-employed as a property manager. Her family is Finnish and has participated in the Finnish American Folk Festival since its inception. Canessa has three children and is a board member of the Oregon Coast Invitational Golf Tournament at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. She was born at Columbia Memorial Hospital at the exact moment that the marching band was passing on its way to the Midsummer Festival at its earlier location at the downtown fairgrounds.



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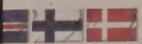
Corbin D. 2022 CRO

Corbin attends Lewis and Clark Elementary. He has Danish ancestry on his father's side. He danced with the Norwegian folk band at the festival.

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2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Senior Court



Abbie Johnson

SENIOR COURT CHAPERONE

Abbie is a nurse at Columbia Memorial Hospital and Providence Seaside Hospital. She was Junior Miss Norway in 2003 and Senior Miss Norway and Miss Scandinavia in 2014. Abbie looks forward to assisting the 2022 court to learn the countless traditions of the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. Abbie's ancestry is Norwegian and like her parents and grandparents, she is a regular volunteer with the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival that the marching band was passing on its way to the Midsummer Festival.



2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Senior Court



Ava Osborn

SENIOR MISS DENMARK

Ava is a junior at Astoria High School, sponsored by the Lower Columbia Danish Society. She has attended the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival since she was a baby, was Junior Miss Denmark in 2012 and has danced with the Nordic Viking Dancers for five years. Her Danish ancestry comes through her mother and grandmother's side of the family. She plans to become an ultrasound technician.



2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Senior Court



Kaylee Falleur

SENIOR MISS SWEDEN

Kaylee is a junior at Astoria High School, sponsored by the Vasa (Swedish) Order of America Astor Lodge No. 215. She was Junior Miss Denmark in 2014. She looks forward to participating in festival activities, dancing the Schottische with her grandmother at the Queen's Ball. Kaylee claims Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish ancestry on her mother's side of the family. She plans to study agricultural business in college.



2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Senior Court



Raelee Telen

SENIOR MISS NORWAY

Raelee is a junior at Astoria High School, sponsored by the Sons of Norway Nidaros Lodge No. 16. She was Junior Miss Norway in 2014 and danced for a time with the Nordic Viking Dancers. Raelee's Scandinavian heritage comes from her father's side, and she has both Norwegian and Finnish ancestry. Raelee has been influenced by Scandinavian foods, she hopes to attend business school and plans to open up a bakery shop.



2022 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Senior Court



Olivia Esnard

SENIOR MISS FINLAND

Olivia is a junior at Seaside High School, sponsored by the United Finnish Kaleva Brotherhood & Sisterhood Astoria Lodge No. 2. She was Junior Miss Finland in 2013. Her mother was born in Finland and speaks Finnish. Olivia visited Finland in 2016 and saw her mummu's house, met cousins, and enjoyed the long days of light and warm ocean waters of a Nordic summer. Olivia is in 4-H and is a member of a gun and trap shooting club in Knappa.



Schedule of Events

Friday, June 17, 2022

ASTORIA NORDIC HERITAGE PARK DEDICATION

10:30 a.m.-noon — 16th St. and Marine Drive, Astoria
Celebrating the dedication of Astoria Nordic Heritage Park, honoring the cultural legacy of Nordic immigrants to the Northwest. Karl Marliantes, author of "Deep River," will speak at the event.

BOOTHS OPEN

2-6:30 p.m. — Arena

Visit vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items, foods and handcrafted treasures.

RAFFLE

2-7 p.m. — Arena

Be sure to buy raffle tickets for fine prizes donated by the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association and festival vendors.

ENTERTAINMENT

3:30-7 p.m. — Arena Stage

Astoria's Nordic Viking Scandia Dancers and the Brownsmead Flats will entertain along with the Polka Dots, an Astoria accordion band.

BEER GARDEN

3-11 p.m. — Dairy Barn

Adult beverages and a limited snack menu will be offered.

BEEF POT ROAST DINNER

hosted by Olney Grange

4:30-7 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

Featuring beef pot roast, baked potato, green beans, roll, salad, pie and beverages. The cost for dinner is \$15, or \$8 for children under 11.

QUEEN'S CORONATION

7 p.m. — Arena

Princesses sponsored by the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Sons of Norway and VASA Swedish Lodge will speak about their Scandinavian heritage. A panel of judges will select one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2022.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE TO BONFIRE AND HEX BURNING

8 p.m. — Parking Area

Scandia men with flaming torches will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and audience members to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This tradition symbolizes ridding oneself of bad luck for the year.

QUEEN'S FAMILY BALL

with Scandinavian Country

8-11 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her father or partner will lead the first dance of the 2022 Midsummer Festival. Join in or watch the dancers while listening to music selections.

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Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

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Saturday, June 18, 2022

MIDNIGHT SUN BREAKFAST

Served by Scandinavian Cafe

7-11 a.m. — Exhibit Hall

A buffet featuring Norwegian Jarlsberg egg cake, Finnish Pyttipannu (Scandinavian pan-fried scramble of potato, onions, sausage and egg), Cardamom Coffee Cake with Strawberries and Whipped Cream., Norwegian Rommegrot (sour cream porridge and pudding with cinnamon and sugar), Lefse fresh off the griddle, Scandinavian cheese, Shrimp and salmon lox. Also with fresh assorted breads, Fruit, Fresh baked Danish pastries and beverages. The cost for breakfast is \$15, or \$6 for children 6 and under. Menus are subject to change depending on seasonal ingredient availability.

BOOTHS

9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. — Arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and shopping pleasure.

RAFFLE

9 a.m.-7 p.m. — Arena

Be sure to buy raffle tickets for fine prizes donated by the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association and festival vendors.

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m.-6 p.m. — Outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in their Viking encampment outdoors south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making, and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.

BEER GARDEN

11 a.m.-11 p.m. — Dairy Barn

Adult beverages and a limited menu of snacks will be offered.

BARNEFEST

11 a.m.-5 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

OPTOG FESTIVAL PARADE

11:30 a.m. — Festival Grounds

Miss Scandinavia and her court, costumed dancers and entertainers, representatives from the Scandinavian lodges, and family groups will parade through the arena and festival grounds to the outdoor stage for the Flag Raising and Midsummer Pole ceremony. The Grand Marshal will be named.

FLAG RAISING

Noon — Midsummer Pole

Come and hear the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden while Miss Scandinavia and her court assist in the pageantry of the raising of the flags of these Scandinavian countries. In case of rain, the flag raising will be moved to the Exhibit Hall.

MIDSUMMER POLE RAISING AND DANCING

12:30 p.m. — Midsummer Pole

Watch as local volunteers skillfully raise the Midsummer Pole. The Polka Dots will play live music for dancing around the Midsummer Pole led by Christine Smith and the VASA Swedish Dancers. All are welcome to join in.

TUG OF WAR

1 p.m. — Midsummer Pole

Teams of eight will vie to be champion. Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver.

KUBB EXHIBITION AND TOURNAMENT

1:30-3:30 p.m. — Midsummer Pole

Kubb is a yard game of Scandinavian origins which has been played for about 1,000 years. No prior skills are required, all are welcome.

MEATBALL EATING CONTEST

3:30 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

How many Swedish meatballs can you eat in five minutes with your hands behind your back? The champion will win a prize. Participants must be 18 or older, in good health and sign a waiver.

ÆBLESKIVER EATING CONTEST

3:45 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

How many Danish donuts, called Æbleskiver, can you eat in five minutes with your hands behind your back? The champion will win an Æbleskiver's pan and recipe. Participants must be 18 or older, in good health and sign a waiver.

NORDIC VIKING DANCERS REUNION

4-5 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

Did you dance with the Nordic, Viking or Scandia groups in the past? Can you remember Dudlepska and Little Man in a Fix? If not, it doesn't matter. Come to the Dancers Reunion and socialize with your former dance partners. Kevin will call, in case you forgot. Guest dancers are welcome if they know the dances. They will not be taught.

PARADE OF NATIONAL FOLK WEAR

5 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

Are you curious about the lovely costumes worn by representatives of the Scandinavian countries? Come and have them explained in a fashion show with live models.

VIKING DINNER

Served by Scandinavian Cafe

4-7 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

A buffet featuring Danish pork roast in mushroom sauce, beef and green cabbage in Nordic spices, Swedish meatballs in brown cream gravy, medister polse (Norwegian pork sausage), braised red cabbage, Jannesson's temptation (a traditional Swedish casserole made of potatoes, onions, pickled sprats, bread crumbs and cream), garden salad, Danish smørrebrød (open faced sandwiches), shrimp and herring salad, Nordic cheeses, freshly baked bread and crisps, cream filled pastry shells drizzled in dark chocolate, cookies, pastries and beverages. Cost for dinner is \$19, or \$8 for children 6 and under. Menus are subject to change depending on seasonal ingredient availability.

Sunday, June 19, 2022

SISU BREAKFAST

Served by Scandinavian Cafe

7-11 a.m. — Exhibit Hall

Featuring pannukakku (Finnish pancake), ham, Nordic sausage, breakfast potatoes, fresh fruit, a Scandinavian cheese selection, fresh pastry, breads and beverages. Cost for breakfast is \$12. Menus are subject to change depending on seasonal ingredient availability.

BOOTHS OPEN

9 a.m.-2 p.m. — Arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and snacking pleasure.

RAFFLE

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Arena

Buy raffle tickets for fine prizes donated by the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association and festival vendors.

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in their Viking encampment outdoors south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making and combat arts from the European Middle Ages.

NONDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE

11 a.m. — Exhibit Hall

Join a nondenominational church service featuring music from Joan Paddock of Linfield University.

SCANDINAVIAN SPELLING BEE

12:30 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

Scandinavian lodges have submitted a list of words for this brief pencil and paper quiz to determine semifinalists who will stand up and face the quizzes for an oral spell down, prizes will be awarded.

ÆBLESKIVER EATING CONTEST

12:45 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

How many Danish donuts, called Æbleskiver, can you eat in five minutes with your hands behind your back? The champion will win an Æbleskiver's pan and recipe. Participants must be 18 or older, in good health and sign a waiver.

BARNEFEST RAFFLE

12:30 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

Join in for a chance to win prizes donated by community members and businesses to support the children's activity area.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE

12:45 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

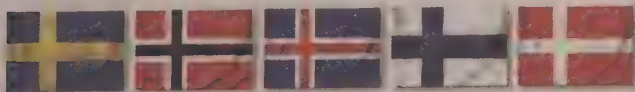
Announcing the winners of prizes donated by the Astoria Midsummer Festival Association, local lodges and businesses. Winners need not be present.

FLAG CEREMONY AND FESTIVAL CLOSING

1:15 p.m. — Exhibit Hall

The 2022 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival ends as the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are sung one more time and the flags leave the hall. Say goodbye to friends and family and make plans to join us again in 2023 for our 56th anniversary festival.

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Astoria Nordic Heritage Park

NORDIC PARK AIMS TO EDUCATE, SHARE THE REGION'S SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE

Seven years ago, the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association formed a committee to plan for the 50th Anniversary of the festival in 2017. Association treasurer Carole Lyngstad previously brought up the idea of building a monument to the region's Scandinavian immigrant community, an idea that many had been discussing for years.

After funding approval, a monument executive committee formed, consisting of project director Loran Mathews, Midsummer Festival chair Leila Collier, treasurer Carole Lyngstad and grant writer Janet Bowler. Soon, the committee expanded to include representatives from local Nordic Lodges.

To draft artistic renditions of the preliminary design, Roger McKay of Astoria joined the planning team. The committee reviewed preliminary sketches in the summer of 2016, and met with the Astoria Parks and Recreation Board, gaining their approval to take the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park proposal to the Astoria City Council.

Mathews, along with Judi Lampi, presented the proposal to the Astoria City Council in August 2016. The City of Astoria Parks and Recreation Department soon agreed to move forward with the civic project. Lampi, who chairs the Heritage Park Committee alongside Bowler, collected signatures in support of the proposed enhancements to the former People's Park site. In 2017, the Rotary Club voted to maintain the future Astoria Nordic Heritage Park as a service project.

The following year, Rosemary Johnson was hired as project manager. The West Studio of Seattle, Wash., and Herrera Environmental Consultants, of Sherwood, were selected as landscape architects and engineers for the park project. Fundraising topped \$150,000 in the summer of 2018 and continued with a higher tentative goal.

The preliminary park design was soon approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission, Astoria Parks and Recreation and the Astoria City Council. Engineering plans for the park were completed in March of 2019. Stephen Dean of Pasco, Wash., donated a slab of polished granite which will be the main entry sign for the park. OM Stone of Hillsboro was contracted to order granite and process it into its final form. Rickenbach Construction, Inc. of Astoria, was selected as general contractor for the park project. The selection process included a public announcement, committee scoring and interviews. Rickenbach is local and will hire local subcontractors when possible.



While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted fundraising and grant opportunities, funds soon reached \$1 million. Groundbreaking and construction began in August and September of 2021.

Opportunities for community members to purchase naming rights helped to fund the park. Soon, visitors will be able to walk down the meditative path and see the names of those people, as well as the park's hidden trolls, interpretive panels and artistic elements.

Ahead of this year's Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, community members will have the opportunity to attend a dedication for the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 17, on Astoria's beautiful waterfront.

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2022 Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association President Loran Mathews speaks at the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park.



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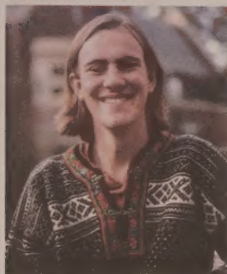
Scholarship program

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association is pleased to continue the tradition of awarding scholarships to students. Scholarship funds have traditionally been raised through the Running of the Trolls, held annually at the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. The event will not be held this year, but is expected to return in 2023.

The 2022 scholarship is awarded to students who meet the following requirements

- Involvement in the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, either as a participant or attendee
- Is a graduating high school senior with a grade point average of 3.0 or above
- Plans to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution as a full time student

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Ava Palmberg, Astoria



Alexa Calvert, Vancouver

2022 Festival Contests

Saturday, June 18, 2022

TUG OF WAR

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1:30 p.m., Midsummer Pole

SWEDISH MEATBALL EATING CONTEST

3:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

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3:45 p.m., Exhibit Hall

SCANDINAVIAN JOKE TELLING CONTEST

8 p.m., Arena, during Arrival concert intermission

Sunday, June 19, 2022

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Bonnie Fisher named Grand Marshal for 2022 Optog Parade

Lifelong volunteer Bonnie Fisher will lead the 2022 Optog Walking Parade as Grand Marshal of this year's Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. The parade will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Fisher, an active member of Astoria's Nordic community for decades, has served as secretary and decoration chair for the Midsummer Festival Association, secretary for the Heritage Association and senior court chaperone.

Her paternal grandfather, Pete Henningsen, immigrated to the U.S. from Denmark in the early 20th century, settling on a dairy farm in Olney, while her maternal grandfather who immigrated from Sweden. Her paternal grandmother's parents immigrated from Norway, so heritage from three major Nordic countries is part of the Fisher family background.

Fisher assisted with her family dairy farm until the cows were sold in the 1970s. She later worked for 25 years as a substitute instructional aide and secretary within the Astoria School District. Palmer and June Henningsen, Fisher's parents, were known for hosting and organizing a wide variety of community activities, both at the Olney Grange and the family barn. These included square dances, plays, volleyball and basketball games and a strawberry festival.

Fisher remains active in the community as a member of both the Lower Columbia Danish Society and Vasa (Swedish) Order of America Astor Lodge No. 215, as well as through organizing dinners and events for the community.



Bonnie Fisher

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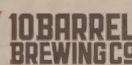
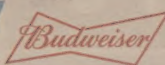
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